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4-23-03*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

MOOKAMBESWARAN VIJAYALAKSHMI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW US PCT APPLN. :
(Based on PCT/FR99/02635)

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FOR: USE OF AN ADSORBENT GEL :
FOR ELIMINATING AND
PURIFYING BIOMOLECULESPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1
5. (Amended) Device according to claim 2, characterized in that the biomolecule is serum β 2-microglobulin.

A2
6. (Amended) Use of the device according to claim 1 for removing biomolecules from blood, with the exception of extracorporeal dialysis.

A2
9. (Amended) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the device is an extracorporeal dialysis system.